

Wisconsin Medicaid update

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

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Life Expectancy and Quantity Limit Changes for Durable Medical Equipment

Effective October 1, 2005, Wisconsin Medicaid will revise life expectancies and quantity limits for selected durable medical equipment (DME).

Refer to the DME Index on the Medicaid Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/ for a complete list of reimbursable DME procedure codes and the life expectancies and quantity limits.

Life expectancies and quantity limits may change in the future. Providers should refer to the Medicaid Web site monthly for any changes to the DME Index. Notification will not be mailed to providers. Providers may also check “What’s New on the Medicaid and BadgerCare Web Sites” in the monthly *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update Summary* to see if the DME Index has been updated.

Information Regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/.

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